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Air Force Research Institute

1. The Air Force Research Institute in Prague is located on the road leading from Vysocany to Letnany and near the Rudy Letov aircraft factory at Letnany. The following officers are stationed there:
  - a. Commanding Officer Col. Siska, a Czech, age 55; tall and stout; brown, greying hair; wears glasses; an ardent Communist.
  - b. Adjutant 1st Lt. Obranksy, a Czech, age 27; medium build, blond hair; dandyish type; a Communist.
  - c. Chief of Elektro Dept Lt. Col. Kocka, a Czech, age 55, medium build; a "decent" Communist.
  - d. Chief of Testing Dept Major Viktor Hell, a Czech, age 40-42, height 165 cm, stout; unmarried; a "decent" Communist.
  - e. Assistant to Chief Capt. Josef Hladik, a Czech, age 40-42, height 175 cm; slender; brown, greying hair; a Communist. Lives in a villa near the institute.
  - f. Warehouse and Transport Officer Staff Capt. Skerik, a Czech, age 55, height 175 cm, stout; an ardent Communist. Lives in same villa as Capt. Hladik.
  - g. Chief of Photo Section Capt. Kadlec, a Czech, age 40, height 185 cm, slim; blond hair; an ardent Communist.
  - h. Chief Pilot 1st Lt. Juraj Kostik, a Slovak, age 27; short stature; married; a Communist. An excellent pilot, testing jets and He-111s.
  - i. Pilots
    - 1) 1st Lt. Holoubek, a Czech, age 35; medium build; wears glasses; a party member and a good pilot.

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5. The following aircraft are located at the airfield:

1 Ju-52	4 He-111
3 Ar-96	12-16 twin-engined Siebel
2 DC-3	6 Fieseler Storch
4 Me-109	2 helicopters, one damaged

6. The institute is working on the following projects:

a. New aircraft.

- 1) "Vosa 50". An observation plane similar to the Storch 2, with three-wheeled landing gear. One prototype is ready.
- 2) "Uhu". A twin-engined, two-seater night interceptor, with combustion engine. During test it reached a maximum speed of 463 mph. It carries eight machine guns, two in each wing and four in the fuselage, and it has radar equipment in the nose. Two prototypes are ready.

- b. Radar. The Elektro Department is working on radar equipment, which is being tested in various planes at the Letnany airfield.
- c. Jet engines. These are tested in special rooms and also with He-111 aircraft. The plane takes off with the propeller engines and in the air these engines are switched off and the jet engines turned on.
- d. Me-109 weapons. Guns are mounted into the Me-109 aircraft and tested in a tunnel. Seven to ten planes are used weekly.
- e. Tests in strength of aircraft parts and tires, parachute checks, and other general tests of equipment used in aviation are made.

#### Ceske Budejovice Airfield

7. There are 60 students training at the school at the Ceske Budejovice airfield. This school is commanded by Capt. Juraj Kulasik, who is a Slovak aged 33, married with two children, and a Communist.
8. About 60 SNB men, most of whom are officers, are stationed at the airfield, as well as about 30 army auxiliary personnel who consist of non-commissioned officers and enlisted men. The main function of the SNB men is air patrolling. They identify planes in air by their markings and then radio permission to the "Lenka" central at the Ruzyně airfield for the continuation of their flight. Only SNB planes are allowed to take off from the Ceske Budejovice airfield.
9. A new runway was observed being built in January 1950, when the foundations were being laid. The length of the runway will reportedly be 3,000 m.

Attachment: Sketch showing installations of the Air Force Research Institute, with legend.

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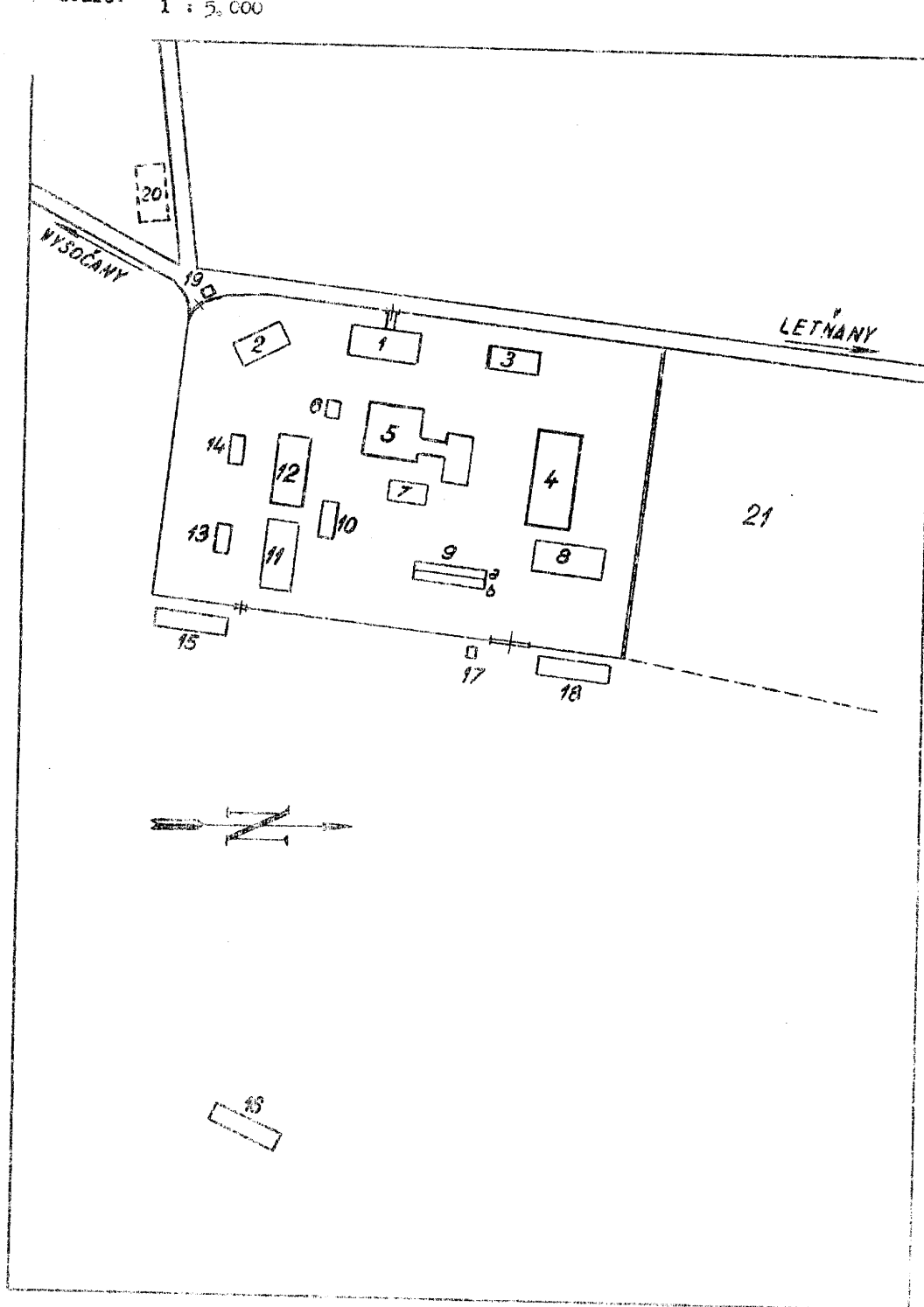
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Legend to Attachment

1. Main building: administration offices, billets for military guards, photographic laboratory, teletype room, kitchen
2. Elektro Department
3. Wind tunnel
4. Main workshops
5. Main testing room
6. Dispensary
7. Store
8. Main hangar
- 9a. Garages for cars  
b. Parachute Department
10. Garages for trucks
11. Old hangar, now a store
12. Old hangar, now a store
13. Administration office for enlisted men
14. Restroom, dining room
15. Hangar for mounting of machine guns in Me-109s
16. Shooting tunnel (testing of guns)
17. Pilots pool
18. Hangar
19. Residence of Capt. Hladik and Staff Capt. Skerik
20. New barracks
21. Rudy Letov factory

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